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"AND THE BLESSINGS LINGER ON."

Those words seem to be the echo of those who attended the 62nd Annual Conference of the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches held at Nottingham Baptist Church, Willoughby Hills, October 16 through 18. It was a well-attended conference with a peak attendance of 564 on Tuesday, evening. The sessions were ably chaired by Chairman Bob Barrett and the pervading spirit of sweet fellowship was a blessing, indeed.



But even the personal fellowship was surpassed by the exceptional blessing received around the Word of God as Dr. David Jeremiah renewed our acquaintance with David and Joseph and the manner in which they trusted God in their most difficult circum-

stances. We were also brought face to face with the Word to the church at Ephesus concerning their "Heart Trouble" and with a searching question from Matthew, "How Do We Learn To Forgive?" Decisions were made.

Sandwiched between Dr. Jeremiah's messages were "A Vision For Ministry Of The O.A.R.B.C.," shared by State Representative Larry Fetzer and the challenge of "I Will Build My Church" by Jerry Webber, Baptist Mid-Missions Field Administrator.

Praise-worthy camp reports were presented and the testimony of God's goodness in spite of the fire at Baptist Children's Home in Springfield was shared by Charles Monroe.

The Ladies Meeting on Tuesday afternoon was packed with challenges of participation, prayer, and praise and culminated with a heart-stirring message by Marcia Elmore. Ladies came from as far as Gallipolis to share in that time.



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Adopted by the Messengers of the Annual Conference of the O.A.R.B.C.

The Men's Workshops, too, were filled with practical helps and challenges

Entwined through the excellent program of those days was the inspirational music provided not only by the instrumentalists, Susan Renstrom and Merle Brock and the "spine-tingling" congregational singing led by Scott Renstrom, but by the Nottingham choir, the Nottingham Singers (sextet), Pastor Don McClintick and Scott Renstrom, and Joan Jeunette, all from Nottingham, Erick Hawout, soloist from First, Niles, and Dave McMurray, trumpeter from Cedar Hill, Cleveland. One of the offertories featured a unique combination of four keyboards with Marreea Cattell, Darlene Cole, and Susan Renstrom on three pianos and Merle Brock on organ.

The Newcomers Banquet honored 21 of the new pastors and assistants and their wives. This year the Ohio Association welcomed 19 new pastors and 15 new assistants to ministries in Ohio.

Nottingham provided excellent facilities for the conference. The display area gave



ample room for comfortable perusal of enlightening displays of agencies, camps, and services, even to a miniature of the Children of Israel camp as they "set up their tents" around the Tabernacle.

The folks at Nottingham went all out to make this Annual Conference a very special one and a special thanks goes to Pastor Donald McClintick and Assistant Scott Renstrom and their people for making this a most memorable time. "And the blessings linger on..."

Psalms Songs of Thanksgiving

The Sweet Singer of Israel here shows us his book,
At one hundred fifty songs we are invited to look.
For the need of every trial we find a tune—
Read it often, prayerfully,
and do not stop too soon.

"The heavens declare the glory of God in the firmament," is seen.
His laws are perfect, and the fear of the Lord is clean.
His precepts are sweeter than the honeycomb with honey,
And more to be desired are they than an abundance of money.

Since "The Lord Is My Shepherd" for what shall I want?
The pastures are all green and waters like a font.
In paths of righteousness for His namesake I am led,
And at a table prepared for me, I am wonderfully fed.

In this book of Psalms we are told much about man—
His enemies seek his hurt, his destruction they plan.
Yet I will behave myself as if they were my friend,
In the Lord I will put my trust, for on Him I can depend.

In Psalm after Psalm the sinner pursues the saint,
And Psalm after Psalm unto God they make complaint.
The way for a saint to have peace is found in His Book,
As after Him they thirst as the deer for the brook.

from
THE BIBLE IN VERSE
by
B.C. Jennings

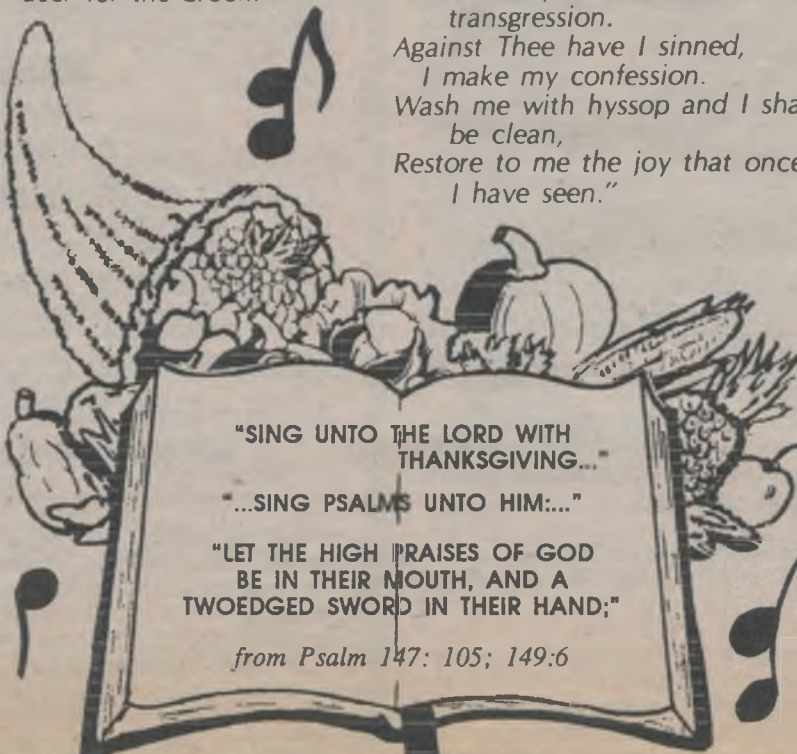
"Have mercy O God blot out my transgression.
Against Thee have I sinned,
I make my confession.
Wash me with hyssop and I shall be clean,
Restore to me the joy that once I have seen."

"Lord, Thou has been our refuge in every generation,
Before the mountains were formed by instant creation—
From everlasting to everlasting beyond all imagination—
Yet to three score and ten you limit our duration."

"O take me not away in the midst of my days,
Allow your angels to keep me in all of my ways.
I love the Lord; He has heard my supplications.
At night on my bed He knows my meditations."

Psalm one hundred nineteen is so long that some fret,
But the Lord had it written by Israel's alphabet.
To each Hebrew letter eight verses He preferred,
As ten times over He says,
"According to Thy Word."

There are fifteen Psalms called songs of degree.
They were chanted as Israel went up to Jerusalem to see.
"We will praise Him in His temple with the organ chord—
Let everything that has breath offer praise to the Lord."



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As I See It

A View from the Desk of

LAWRENCE FETZER
STATE REPRESENTATIVE



A VISION FOR MINISTRY IN THE OARBC

"Where there is no vision, people perish."

For my article this month, I am giving you the substance of the message that I gave on Tuesday morning at the Annual OARBC Conference in October. The Lord has laid on my heart a vision for ministry in the OARBC. No, I do not mean some magical, mystical dream in the night. It is rather a sense of purpose as to what God would have for us of the OARBC to be and to do. I am quite sure God would not have us just relax and rest in our accomplishments of the past. We live in a great state of some 11 million souls. With the present count of 208 churches, that means there is one OARBC church for every 52,000 people in our state. My, what a mission field we live in. The big question is, "Do we have the vision to meet the challenge?"

I am suggesting that we need men of vision in the forefront of our Association and our churches. A vision is a realistic understanding and acceptance of what God is calling for us to accomplish in our ministries. It must be based on the clear directives of the Word of God. It expresses our purpose and defines our mission in a brief statement. It helps us understand precisely our task and becomes the basis for establishing goals, both immediate and long term. It then enables us to put plans into motion to accomplish the fulfillment of the vision. Our vision sets the agenda for our thinking and our planning and ultimately, for our work.

As I entered the office of State Representative, I was forced to ask:

"Why am I here?"

What is the OARBC?

What is a State Representative?

What am I supposed to be doing?

Where are we heading as an association?"

I began to pray and seek personal understanding as to my role in leadership. I entered into a fresh study in the Word about the church, the office of Pastor, and the meaning of Ministry. Gradually the vision began to form in my mind. I put it on paper, then rethought it, rewrote it, revised it, refined it, then presented it to the Council of 12, and now I present it to the churches as a VISION STATEMENT for ministry in the OARBC.

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This is a statement of a vision designed to give direction to our Association, the State Representative, the Council of 12, and our 208 churches. Our concern is to strengthen the association, to move forward, to do our job better, to reach more people for Christ.

I. Our identification.

We are the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

1. We are an association, not a denomination. We come together voluntarily to associate ourselves with one another for mutual benefit.
2. We are churches, not agencies, schools, missions, or even pastors. The genius of our movement is the New Testament church.

II. Our Commitment

We are a people who are deeply committed to the Word of God and the preaching of the gospel. We believe that the Great Commission is meant for us, and we are dedicated to fulfilling it. It is not just a suggestion from God, but is a specific command to which we are responsible.

III. Our Task.

Our vision gives purpose and direction to our work and energies.

1. To build New Testament Churches. The plan of God is that all life reproduce itself. This is true of spiritual life also. Churches reproduce churches through a building process.
2. We strengthen one another.
Hebrews 12:12, "Therefore strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble." Jesus' word in Luke 22:32, "Strengthen your brothers."
3. Sharpen one another.
Proverbs 27:17, "Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."
4. Encouragement.
1 Thessalonians 4:18, "Therefore encourage one another with these words."
5. Edification.
Romans 14:19, "Let us therefore follow after the things...wherewith one may edify another."
1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Edify one another."

IV. Our Relationship.

"No one of our churches can accomplish this alone. We draw together." Ever since the book of Acts, groups of churches have co-operated and worked together. The book of Galatians was written to churches associated to one another within a given region. Many churches took part in aiding the poor believers of the church at Jerusalem. They worked closely together in the evangelizing of their world. So, too, must we if we are to reach every village, town, and city in our state, and then beyond to our country, and to the uttermost part of the world. We must work together.

V. Our Impact.

The Jewish leaders said to the Apostles in Acts 5:28, "You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching."

In Thessalonica, they said about Paul and Silas in Acts 17:6, "These have turned the world upside down." It is our vision that God would allow us in this day to have just such an impact on our state and on the world as those disciples did in theirs.

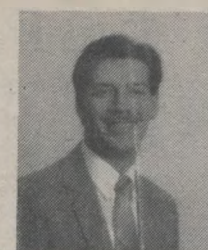
YOUR COUNCIL OF TWELVE ELECTED THIS YEAR - FOR THREE-YEAR TERM



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First, Elyria



J. Tony Beckett
Faith, Streetsboro



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G. Ben Reed
First, Niles

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Bible, Bedford



Larry Engle
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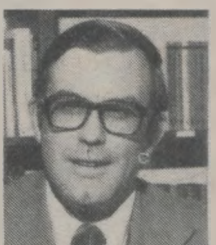
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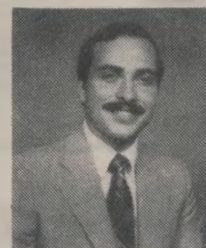


Lynn Rogers
Northfield

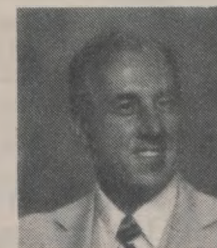


Tom Wright
Memorial, Columbus

TERM EXPIRED: We say thank you for faithful service



David Culver
Calvary, Delaware



H. "Gus" Guthrie
Calvary, Tiffin

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APPROVAL CHAIRMAN	- Robert Barrett

Dear people and pastors of the OARBC: We are living in a day of unprecedented opportunity. Let us all ask God to give us a vision for ministry, not only for the OARBC, but for every one of our churches. It is my desire to work with pastors and deacons to help them develop a vision for ministry for their church, and from that to design some goals and an action plan to fulfill the vision. A church without vision usually is going nowhere.

NOTICE: I have prepared beautifully printed copies of this VISION STATEMENT on parchment paper suitable for framing to hang in your office or on the church bulletin board. If you would like to have one, please write me and I will send you one free of charge.

NOTICE 2: I am anxious to help any pastor or church in any way I can. Call me: Larry Fetzer, 4221 Wallington Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45440, (513) 299-3128.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THE O.A.R.B.C. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

This has been a year of transition and, thus, a year of some confusion for pastors, churches, and church treasurers.

For clarification of "what goes where," please note carefully the following information.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

The new State Representative Larry Fetzter presently works out of his home in Dayton, Ohio. He has plans to make a move in the spring. Adequate notice concerning his new location will be given at that time. PRESENTLY, all personal correspondence, including resumes, scheduling of meetings, counselling needs, etc. should be sent to him at 4221 Wallington Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45440. Phone: 513-299-3128.

TREASURER/CHECKS

The treasurer of the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches is Pastor Tom Wright. HOWEVER, ALL CHECKS of support and gifts to the Association, O.I.B., and State Representative are taken care of by Mrs. Brock in the home office. Checks should be made out to the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches (O.A.R.B.C.) and designated on the "For..." or "Memo..." line that for which the money is intended. SEND TO: OHIO ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES, P.O. BOX 28221, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228.

O.A.R.B.C. HOME OFFICE

The Council of 12 has asked Mrs. Merle Brock to continue maintaining the home office of the O.A.R.B.C. for another year (October 1990). She also does the bookkeeping and is managing editor of the O.I.B. ALL O.I.B. correspondence, news, articles, bulletins, ads, and subscriptions are to continue going to her in the home office: OHIO ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES, P.O. BOX 28221, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43228. Phone: 614-771-0464.

General information and materials may also be secured from the home office.

Hospitalization information and materials may be gotten from Rev. Harold Green, P.O. Box 601, Cedarville, Ohio 45314. Phone: 513-766-2211. The plan is called Regular Baptist Fellowship O.A.R.B.C. Benefit Plan.

If there are any doubts as to "what goes where," please call the O.A.R.B.C. office in Columbus: 614-771-0464.

MISSIONS CONFERENCE AT FAITH, LAKEVIEW

Faith Baptist Church of Lakeview held its first Missions conference on November 12 through 15.

Dr. Mel Efaw from Huntington, West Virginia, was the opening speaker for the conference. Prior to retirement, Dr. Efaw pastored the Grace Gospel Church in Huntington for over 42 years. The church supports 37 missionaries and has seen many of its own members surrender to the call of full-time service.

Gary and Bernice Hillicker with Baptist Mid-Missions were the guests Monday and Tuesday. Gary is the director of "Editorial Bautista Independiente" in Sebring, Florida.

Tom and Marilyn Wilson spoke on Wednesday evening. They shared their ministry of planting churches in the metropolitan area of Johannesburg, South Africa since 1976.

"Yes and Goodbye," a missionary film from Evangelical Baptist Missions, was shown on Monday evening and the church folks enjoyed an "International Potluck Supper" before Tuesday evening's service.

NEW BUILDING ADDITION AT MOGADORE



Mogadore Baptist Church completed construction of a new addition to their building this past summer.

The structure includes a 60 foot by 88 foot multipurpose room for youth and adult activities, five new classrooms, two nurseries, two restrooms, and a kitchen.

The church is pastored by Rob Seymour. The folks at Mogadore praise the Lord for their new facility.

NEW PASTOR WELCOMED TO FIRST, FINDLAY



Pastor & Mrs. Melton & family

The people of First Baptist Church, Findlay welcomed their new pastor, David W. Melton, who began his ministry as senior pastor on Sunday, October 1st. Pastor Melton, his wife, Sherrie, and their three children, April, David, and Joshua moved to Findlay the end of September.

Pastor Melton's educational background includes studies at Temple University in Tennessee, Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music in Grand Rapids, Michigan and he graduated from Mid Western Baptist College, Pontiac, Michigan. He has enjoyed diverse ministries as a teacher, athletic director, basketball coach, assistant pastor, and interim pastor. Just before coming to Findlay he and his family completed four years of service with the Wealthy Park Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan. While in Grand Rapids, Pastor Melton was also the area youth chairman of the Michigan Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

On Sunday, October 8th a fellowship dinner was held at noon to welcome the Meltons and was followed by an Installation Service. Assistant Pastor Paul Reimer and members of the pulpit committee participated in the service. Special greetings were presented by Dave Clark, Findlay Chief of Police, Pastor Harold "Gus" Guthrie, Calvary, Tiffin, representing the O.A.R.B.C. Council of 12, and Pastor Joel Harriman, New Richland Baptist Church, Belle Center, for the Mid-Bethel Association. Pastor Guthrie brought the message of the afternoon from Isaiah 61:1-3. Several area churches were represented in the service.

First Baptist Church is located at 1635 Postoria Ave., Findlay, Ohio and has been ministering in the Findlay community for over 130 years.

TWO MORTGAGES BURNED AT BETH-EL, ELYRIA



Pictured above are: R. Polcyn, J. Sturgill, Sr., Pastor Spieth, E. Fuller, T. Greenwood, D. Dalton, S. Lang, G. Coleman, D. Lake, and R. Crawford.

Beth-el Baptist Church burned two mortgages on September 10th.

The church began in September 1970 and entered their building in August 1973.

Rev. Elton Hukill served the first few months as Interim Pastor and after the Ministry of Walter Spieth began in August of 1971, he became Pastor Emeritus. The Church flew Pastor Hukill back from his home in Lewisville, Texas for the celebration.

Rev. Lawrence Fetzter, Ohio State Representative, brought greetings, and Rev. Lynn Rogers of Northfield sang and spoke, representing Baptist Mid-Missions.

Pastor Spieth began as a missionary under Baptist Mid-Missions, who secured the loan for the Church building.

The Trustees burned the mortgage of the Church building, the Deacons burned the mortgage of the Parsonage. Both loans were paid off several years early.

REMODELLING COMPLETED AT FAITH, GREENVILLE

There was much excitement at Faith Baptist Church in Greenville this summer. More than 1,200 hours of voluntary labor went into the remodelling of the sanctuary, lobby, Fellowship Hall, and much of the educational building. Many men and ladies helped in extending the platform, painting and panelling the front and back walls, and adding new altar rails. The new carpeting and pews were installed just days before the Dedication Service on September 17th. That special day was concluded with a concert by Christine Wrytzen. How the folks at Faith praise God for such lovely new surroundings in which to worship Him!

Pastor at Faith is Joseph Godwin, Jr.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT FIRST, STRONGSVILLE



Pastor and Mrs. Wilbur Parrish

The folks at Strongsville recently had a surprise 25th anniversary reception for Pastor Wilbur and Joyce Parrish to help celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. The reception was held following the evening service in the fellowship hall that was decorated with silver bells and balloons.

The church gave them a gift of money, and others gave individual cards and gifts of silver.



Dale & Danell Quick & family

Dale Quick was called as Assistant Pastor to First Baptist Church, Strongsville and began his ministry there on September 3. He and his wife, Danell, are graduates of Baptist Bible College, Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. Prior to his present ministry, he worked part time as a Youth Director in a Baptist Church in Pennsylvania.

Pastor Dale's main responsibilities at Strongsville will be working with youth of all ages as well as assisting the pastor in many areas.

Pastor and Mrs. Quick have two children: Jocelyn, 2½, and Caden, 1½.

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The Woman's View

Open Letter...

from Sue Miller
President OWMU

Dear Ladies of Ohio,

I am so very pleased that the Gambia is becoming more and more familiar to you all! I realize that it has not yet become a "household word" in the OARBC, but I'm satisfied that many of you are becoming aware of ABWE's Health and Literacy Centre at Ndungu Kebbeh. I'm convinced, too, that this new awareness will lead you to pray more earnestly for this work and to give even more generously to our project. (And, ladies, we may even get help from some of the men in our state... One pastor told me at the OARBC conference that he had read last month's OIB article and had chosen the correct definition for the Gambia! Don't you think I should send him his own personal quarter saver? -- Okay, I will.)

Now let's consider our in-state project for this year... Scioto Hills Camp. Many of you "northerners" have asked me what the word SCIOTO means. Well, even though I was born and reared in southern Ohio, I did not know. I could have told you that Gallipolis means "City of the Gauls" or Ohio means "fine or large," but the meaning of Scioto was foreign to me. However, before I began this letter, I checked in my trusty Encyclopedia Britannica and found out that Scioto probably comes from the Iroquoian word for "deer." I myself have never seen a deer at Scioto Hills Camp, but I have met many dear people there through the years, and I have shared some very dear times there with brothers and sisters in the Lord. (I'm sure the name of the camp was chosen because it is located near Scioto Furnace, Ohio in Scioto County not far from the Scioto River!)

If you have never been to Scioto Hills Camp, you should avail yourself of the very next opportunity. The camp is open year 'round, and Gary and Nancy Storm and their marvelous staff are so eager to have you come see all that the Lord has done and is doing for His glory there in the hills of southern Ohio. Won't you look over the camp schedule and make plans to visit Scioto Hills? No matter how far you have to travel, you'll be thankful you made the trip! I absolutely, positively guarantee it!!!

And, ladies, remember that we also need to fill 500 quarter savers to provide lights for the grounds at Scioto Hills! If your church does not have quarter savers or you need some more, contact your area representative, Shirley Friend, or me. As you save your quarters, remember to pray much for the ministry and staff of the camp.

It seems appropriate to close with Gary Storm's most used and favorite words, which are also the camp's motto, "To God Be The Glory." Truly He is glorified through the ministry of Scioto Hills Camp!

Serving Him Joyfully,
Sue Miller

P.S. A reminder to you ladies who took the Scioto Hills Bookmarks at the OWMU fall meeting: Don't forget to pray for your camper!

SALT FORK SPRING RETREAT

Dates: March 15 & 16, 1990
Theme: "SPRING PLANTING"
Price: 4 people/room - \$40 per person
 3 people/room - \$45 per person
 2 people/room - \$50 per person
Registrar: Mrs. Edna Muckley
 5056 Massillon Road
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 (216) 896-1092
 If no answer: Carol McCullough, chairman
 (216) 492-9917

Registration Deadline: February 3, 1990

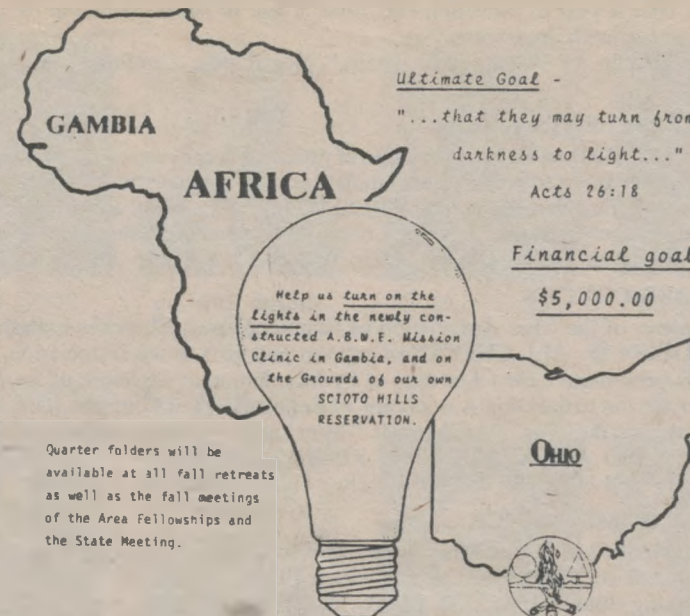
Missionary and Bible Speakers: Dr. and Mrs. (Alice) Ken Cole.

The Coles are missionaries with ABWE serving in the Philippines. They spent two terms in the province of Leyte involved in medical evangelism at the Leyte Baptist Clinic and Hospital, Hilongos, Leyte. Their most recently concluded term involved church planting in Metro-Manila. Working with a core group of members from Manila Baptist Church, Ken and Alice began Heritage Baptist Church of Quezon City in 1986. Today the church numbers over 100 people comprised of doctors, lawyers, and business persons. The Coles are expecting to return to Manila in the summer of 1990 to indigenize the church.

They will be sharing together and individually throughout the retreat. Joins us for a special candlelight banquet, interesting crafts and fun, and a rich blessing from the Lord with the Coles, the music, and the great Christian fellowship.

1989-90 PROJECT

TURN ON



GAMBIA
AFRICA

Help us turn on the lights in the newly constructed A.B.W.E. Mission Clinic in Gambia, and on the grounds of our own SCIOTO HILLS RESERVATION.

Quarter folders will be available at all fall retreats as well as the fall meetings of the Area Fellowships and the State Meeting.

THE LIGHTS

Ultimate Goal -
"...that they may turn from darkness to light..."
Acts 26:18

Financial goal
\$5,000.00

Ohio

FALL RALLY, O.W.M.U.

October 17, 1989

Willoughby Hills, Ohio

*"This little light of mine -
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine -
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine,
Let it shine."*

This well-known chorus, most often sung by children, became the earnest closing prayer of those who attended the fall meeting of the Ohio Women's Missionary Union.

On October 17th, ladies came from all over the state to Willoughby Hills to attend the rally held annually during the conference of the O.A.R.B.C.

Sue Miller, president of the O.W.M.U., opened the meeting by reading various Scripture passages that emphasized the theme, "Lights in a Dark World." Suzie Furl, O.W.M.U. vice-president, led the women in singing choruses and hymns that encourage us to let our "lights" shine for our Lord and Savior.

Many missionaries were present and after each one was introduced and had shared specific needs, the women divided into small groups and prayed for these requests.

The Lord really used the special music of Debbie Searles to prepare and quiet hearts and minds before Marcia Elmore spoke. Mrs. Elmore took us on spiritual "Walks" and gave us "Exercises" that caused us to give thanks, again, for our salvation experience and realize our need for personal revival. She reminded us of those who are lost in spiritual darkness and challenged us with the question asked in a popular gospel song: "When will we realize that people need the Lord?" She closed by stating that only when we fully come to that realization and have our hearts right with God will we be properly concerned about missions.

Hearts were challenged and thus the words of a children's song became a prayer of dedication for the ladies of our fellowship.

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LADIES MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP PICNIC AT CALVARY, TIFFIN



Pat Stover, Judy Hartley

The Ladies Missionary Fellowship of Calvary Baptist Church, Tiffin, held its first annual fellowship picnic. A short meeting was held and then games were played. A fun time was had by all in attendance.

Judy Hartley is president of the Fellowship and Pat Stover is vice-president.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS" AT SKYVIEW RETREAT

With that well used phrase, the 1989 Ladies' Skyview Retreat, "Christmas In September" was underway.

The next two days were filled with laughter, tears, joy, sorrow, singing, and prayers. Dr. Dave Seymour and his wife, Ruth, helped us to see what kind of a woman Mary, the mother of Jesus, really was. We had the opportunity to know her when the angel first told her of the impending birth, her thoughts of Joseph and dealing with his feelings, even to her thoughts as she saw her firstborn son hanging on the cross of Calvary in shame. She was a very strong young lady.

Ruth, as our missionary speaker, told us of the trials of the mission field and how the Lord took those trials and changed them into joys. She gave us an inside look at missionaries.

Our workshops included everything from learning to enjoy Monday Night Football to being happy being single, to managing time and stress and much more.

Hurricane "Hugo" paid us a visit on Friday but we praised the Lord for the rain. As one lady later said, it forced us to spend time with other ladies, getting to know them better rather than going our ways and doing other things. Our bonfire was rained out but the Lord had prepared us for a second plan, a candlelight testimony time along with some singing.

As a committee, we were very happy to see the number of ladies who were there for the first time, some having never heard of the Skyview Retreat. Of the more than 120 ladies, about 50 were first-timers.

We trust that these ladies and many more will be back for next year's retreat and the blessings that this time with the Lord, and other ladies, can give.

1989 Skyview Retreat Committee
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SURF SPLASHINGS FROM CAMP PATMOS

Camp Patmos has just completed a successful, prosperous year, thanks in part to those who have faithfully supported the camp through prayer, finances and labor. We greatly appreciate the role you have had in this ministry. Following are just a few of the many blessings from the past camping season...

- Over 30 decisions for Salvation, in addition to numerous other decisions for Rededication, Assurance of Salvation, etc.

- 1,357 Youth Campers (down 100 from 1988).

- 684 Family Week Campers from 174 Families (up 153 from 1988).

- Our indebtedness of \$15,000 as of October 1, 1989, has been paid in full.

- \$24,221 given by the churches during the current fiscal year.

- Program improvements, including the use of a six-man torpedo.

- Facilities improvements, including new screens, fans for the chapel, repair of the putt-putt course and new playground equipment.

SMOKE SIGNALS FROM SCIOTO HILLS

Solomon wrote to his son, "of making many books, there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh," (Ecclesiastes 12:12). At Scioto Hills, we could paraphrase those "wise words" as follows:

"Of building many buildings, there is no end; and much building is a weariness of the flesh."

One thing we never run out of at Scioto Hills is jobs. There are always things that need to be done. While this keeps life from getting boring, it truly can wear one out.

Chief Storm Cloud and his staff of "braves and squaws" are busy little Indians these

days in the building of a new 24-unit lodge and in the many other post-camp season projects and maintenance needs. An old Indian saying goes like this, "Many hands make light work." We are always on the lookout for willing workers to volunteer their time and talents at the camp. This is woodcutting season and some "eager beavers" are needed (any weekend) to cut, split, carry and stack wood for the winter. The new lodge is progressing well and volunteers of all ages are welcome to come lend a hand on this project. Even if you see yourself as a "gopher" we need you to "go-for" all kinds of things in the course of a workday.

We are thankful for the hundreds of people who have joined hands with us over the years. Now is the good time to "go south" to serve the Lord at a Christian camp. Hope to see you "in the hills" sometime this winter.

Remember these dates:

December 1-2: Dinner Concerts

January 26-27: Jr. Hi. Retreat

February 2-3: Sr. Hi. Retreat

February 9-10: Singles Retreat

March 2-3: Juniors Retreat



Gordon Home recently retired as President and Chief Executive Officer of Guarantee Company of North America, a Canadian property casualty company headquartered in Montreal. He and his wife, Olive, are grateful for the Christian liberal arts training their children, Marilyn and Mark, received at Cedarville College.

Canadian Couple's Goals for Their Children Realized at Cedarville College, U.S.A.

"Olive and I have strong convictions about the distinctives of our faith. So we were quite interested in encouraging our children to attend a quality, liberal arts college where our values and beliefs were not only taught but also modeled. We were glad when we found Cedarville College in the U.S.A.

"We wanted our children to learn in an accepting, friendly atmosphere. We knew we had found this when we saw the 'Welcome Canadians' sign upon our arrival in Cedarville that first year.

"We were especially impressed with the breadth of Cedarville's academic programs. At that time our children were not sure in which area to major, but we were confident that with our prayers and the help of concerned Christian faculty, God would direct them. And He did.

"Marilyn and Mark have graduated now. As we reflect upon their experience, we realize several other benefits Cedarville afforded them.

"Their academic preparation was first-rate. Marilyn has taught successfully in Canada and in the States. And Mark has received excellent opportunities in business and is furthering his education in an M.B.A. program.

"Most important though, our children grew spiritually while they studied. They attended classes that were taught from a biblical perspective, and they matured in their Christian walk through meaningful extracurricular activities. Marilyn developed a compassion for people through ministries in the U.S.A. and Australia. And Mark received important Christian leadership experience as the College's first Canadian student body president.

"Now that Cedarville has helped us realize important goals for our children, it is clear to us that this College was the right choice."

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Happenings

HIGHLIGHTS

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AKRON

Brown Street **Robert Kuhns, pastor**
Oct. - Evangelistic meetings with Bill Maher
- Roller Skating
- Women's Missionary Circle met at Harvest Home with Eileen Thomas

First of Green Township **William Moser, pastor**
Oct. - Fall Bible Conference with Rev. Virgil Geren
- Fall Cleaning

Higbview **W. Terry Williams, pastor**
Oct. - Missionary Conference with Dr. Jim & Esther Entner, Philippines/Mary Kilko, Brazil/Mark Trimble, Brazil/Terry Armstrong, Hispanics
- Hosted C.B.F. Progressive Dinner
- Jerry Phipps, Baptist Children's Home
- Potluck Dinner
- Women's Missionary Fellowship with Joyce Wesselink
- Family Roller Skating
Nov. - Sam Kanani, C.B.F.
- Thanksgiving Covered Dish Dinner/Joe Mitas, missionary to Japan

ALBANY

Albany **James Evans, pastor**
Oct. - Floyd Elmore, Cedarville College
- Appreciation Banquet for Sunday School teachers and Children's Church workers
- Began "Free To Be Thin" classes
Nov. - Harry Bettig, missionary with TWR
- Thanksgiving Eve Carry-in Dinner/Musical Concert by Ed Cook

AMHERST

Faith **Robert Barrett, pastor**
Oct. - Film, "A Man Called Norman"
- Youth Barnyard Bash
- Hayride for Beginners and Primaries
- Adult Costume Party
- Women's Missionary Union Dinner with Joy Cuthbertson, "Preparing to be Alone"
Nov. - Friend Day

ARCANUM

Immanuel **Greg Greve, pastor**
Oct. - Jerry Day, WOL missionary appointee to West Germany
- Patch the Pirate children's performance
Nov. - Shepherd's Home Handbell Choir

ASHLAND

Calvary **Stephen Worth, pastor**
Oct. - Video series for Family Month
- Family Skate
- Ladies' Fellowship Craft, Baskets and Bows
- Adult Hog Roast
- Sparks Hike and Wiener Roast
- Teens' Fall Harvest Party
Nov. - Class Activities: Progressive Pizza Dinner/Salad Supper & Program
- High Schoolers trip to Cedarville College
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
- Bible Conference with Dr. Harry Ambacher
- Family Thanks Service

BALTIMORE

Walnut Creek **L. Michael Herbert, pastor**
Oct. - Family Service/Chorus Night
- High School Hayride
- Children's Church: Puppet Sunday
- Family Fall Hayride and Bonfire
Nov. - Hayride and Hot Dog Roast
- SonLife event, "Balloons or Bust"
- Roy Davoll, WOL
- Raisin Sunday/Raisin Covered Dish Dinner

BEDFORD

Bible **William Davis, pastor**
Nov. - Progressive Dinner for CBS College Students
- John Jackson, missionary to South Africa

BELLE CENTER

New Richland **Joel Harriman, pastor**
Oct. - Ken Dady reported on "Youth Reachout '89"
- Annual Widows' Banquet
Dec. - 50th Anniversary Celebration with Jesse Howell, Bob Humphreys, Don Beightol, Don Rettger, former pastors

BELLEFONTAINE

Calvary **Barry Grahl, pastor**
Oct. - Larry and Bev Smith, missionaries to Mexico
- Mack Evans in concert
Nov. - Special meetings with Evangelist and Mrs. Tom Farrell/Tenor Soloist John Sheffield
- Mortgage Burning with John Wood, former pastor
- Faith Challenge Dinner
- Thanksgiving
Dec. - Missionary Christmas Party with the Ron Downing family, missionaries in Indonesia

BEREA

Berea **Kenneth Spink, pastor**
Oct. - Roy Hendershot
- Dr. James Jeremiah, Cedarville College
- AWANA Harvest Fest

BERLIN HEIGHTS

Berlin Heights **Jack McCullough, pastor**
Oct. - Family Hayride/Hot dogs
- Early service and fellowship/Film, "Discover Your Gifts"
Nov. - Early service and film on Moody
Dec. - Special meetings with Dr. Bob Gage/Christmas Dinner

BLUFFTON

Riley Creek **David Cass, pastor**
Oct. - Homecoming Sunday
Nov. - Thanksgiving Banquet/Film: "A Man Called Norman"
- Pastor on WTGN for morning devotion
- Prophecy Conference with Carl Johnson

BOWLING GREEN

First
Oct. - Speakers: Jim Ruck, missionary/Dave Spink/Dr. Jack Riggs
- Sunday School Conference
- Film: "Twice Pardoned"
Nov. - Speakers: Richard Pettitt/Gerald Phipps, Baptist Children's Home
- Irv Williams/The Hornbrooks
- Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Dinner

BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

Calvary **Gregory Hogan, pastor**
Oct. - Association Day with Larry Fetzer/Concert by Eric Hawout
- Marriage Seminar with Bob Rohm, Cedarville College

BROOK PARK

Mid-Brook **David Knudson, pastor**
Nov. - Joint Missions Conference with Berea Baptist with Speakers: Dr. Harold Garland, BMNA/Dr. Harry Ambacher, ABWE Hong Kong/Abdallah Khoury, EBM to Arabs

BRUNSWICK

First **Thomas Chmura, pastor**
Sept. - Fall Missionary Conference, "Missions: What's In It For Me?"/Missionary Banquet
Oct. - Stewardship Month
- Seminar on "Stress and Anxiety" by Dr. Charles Misja

BYESVILLE

Calvary **Donald Parvin, pastor**
Oct. - Rev. Bruce Holmes
- International Children's Party
- Church Fellowship Dinner
- Teens' Brighton's Pit-Out
- Seniors' Trip to Amish Country
Nov. - Abundant Life Singers, Cedarville College/Dr. Paul Gupta, India
- Thanksgiving Even Service

CALDWELL

New Harmony **Eric Cuenin, pastor**
Oct. - Kathy Greenslade, ABWE to Colombia
- New parsonage completed
Nov. - Abundant Life Singers, Cedarville College

CAMBRIDGE

Grace **Fred Barrett, pastor**
Oct. - Singspiration
- Ladies' trip to Amish Country
Nov. - Missionaries packed fruit plates

CANTON

Grace **Max McCullough, pastor**
Oct. - Church Family Sing
Nov. - Hosted Joint Thanksgiving Service
- CAY "Gym and Swym"
- "Thanks-living" Scavenger Hunt
- Youth "De-leave" project

Whipple Avenue

John Moosey, pastor
Oct. - Ron and Ellen England, missionaries to Hawaii
- John Yukies and Brian O'Bryan, Baptist Children's Home

CEDARVILLE

Grace **Paul Jackson, pastor**
Oct. - Jr. High outing at Marmon Valley Farms
- Charis Class Get Acquainted Party
- AWANA Clubs Fathers' Night
- Howard Hendricks Teacher Training Video
- Women's Exchange
Nov. - Couples' Retreat at Scioto Hills, "Building Responsible Homes"

CLEVELAND

Cedar Hill **David Moore, pastor**
Oct. - Family Conference with Dr. Robert Hess
- Jr/Sr Hi Friday Fun Night
- Fall Youth Retreat
- Missionary Cantata
Nov. - Missionary Conference with Rev. and Mrs. William Strong; Dr. and Mrs. Philip McDonald, Barbara Buhrow, Rev. and Mrs. Michael Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Koichi Meta

Madison Avenue

James Hunt, pastor
Oct. - Harvest Home Potluck Dinner
- Good Cheer trip
Dec. - Film, "Hudson Taylor"

COLUMBUS

Bethesda **Paul Vaughan, pastor**
Oct. - Family Conference with Donald Worch, Baptist Children's Home
- JOY Club Harvest Celebration

Clintonville

George Hattenfield, pastor
Oct. - Dr. Paul Dixon, Cedarville College
- Singles Hayride
- Second International Students Annual Garage Giveaway
- AWANA picnic
- Missions Conference with Gerrit Buining, Dr. Ken Cole, Bruce Dishnow, Jane Fast, John Ed Robertson, Floyd Elmore/Commissioning Service for Sue Shipp
Nov. - Sr Hi Comedy Night
- Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Maranatha

Timothy Kenoyer, pastor
Oct. - Friend Day/Fellowship time
Nov. - Tom and Kari Zentz, report on Map trip to New Zealand

Memorial

Thomas Wright, pastor
Oct. - Board members and wives retreat
- Messengers Class Train Trip
- Fall Evangelism Emphasis with Ron Bishop/Father-Son Banquet/Special Friends evening/Family Night/AWANA Open House
- Sonlife Hayride

COMMERCIAL POINT

Welch Road **Randall Nelson, pastor**
Oct. - Teens trip to Baptist Mid-Missions
- Adult Hayride
- Bruce and Joanne Hensbee, CBM
- Singspiration and finger food fellowship
Nov. - Mini-Missionary Conference with Albert Johnson, BMM Brazil

COSHOCTON

Calvary **Robert Riedy, pastor**
Oct. - Sunday School picnic at church land
- Dave Shisner family, Ohio Legislative Watch
- Dan Moulton, missionary
- Film, "A Man Called Norman"/Ice Cream Sundaes
- "Down On The Farm" Supper

DAYTON

Washington Heights
Oct. - Dr. Dan Galett
- Primary Department
- Hi School Night
Nov. - Annual Missionary
Allen/Jim and Eileen
Swordbearers, etc.

DELAWARE

Calvary
Oct. - Sunday School
- Commission Service
missionaries to Barbados

DUBLIN

Fellowship
Oct. - Carry-in Dinner
- Keenager Party
- JOY Club Party

DUNDEE

Lakeview
Oct. - College/Career
- Carry-in Dinner
- Marc Blackwell
- Hal and Aunt
- Gary Spence, missionary
Nov. - Missionary Conference
Dave and Jeanne
- International Banquet

ELIDA

Faith
Oct. - Missions Conference
Men for Mission
Daub, BBF Kenya
Banquet
- Harvest Party
- Rev. John McKinney

ELYRIA

Abbe Road
Nov. - Missions In All of Life
Harry & Lyn Ambacher
Claggett Ward, BMM
Claggett, BMM/David
Children's Home
- Thanksgiving Supper

Beth-el

Nov. - Began special meetings with chardson, musical

First

Oct. - Youth Mystery Night
Nov. - Dan Bergen
Dec. - Youth Mail Service
- Alexander deChalons
- Christmas Banquet

FINDLAY

First
Oct. - Began Missionary Conference
son, Brazil/Phil and Mary Mc
and Mildred Swartz
Bibles International
Nov. - Master's Men Quarterly
- WOL Hayride

FOSTORIA

Fostoria
Sept. - Ann Wahlgren, missionary to
Oct. - "Project Utah" by God
- Dan Bergen/Fall
Nov. - Special meetings with Co

GALION

First
Sept. - Evangelist Randy
- Teens/Parents
Oct. - Sunday School
sell, National
- Pastor Wilson, Sor
- Fall Harvest
Nov. - "Old Fashioned

GALLIPOLIS

Faith
Sept. - Teens to Memorial
- Personal Evangelism for

- Olympian Youth special day with Rich Moon, WOL
- Oct. - Family Enrichment Seminar with Keith Wiebe
- Tri-Church Fellowship with First and Trinity, Rio Grande

GALLOWAY

- Alton Road** **Donald Applegate, pastor**
 Sept. - Don Applegate, BMNA
 - Work Day
 Oct. - Potluck Dinner
 - Speakers: Don Applegate/Paul Menz

GRAFTON

- Midview** **Larry Green, pastor**
 Oct. - Fall Missionary Conference, "Passing the Torch" with Floyd Elmore, Cedarville College/David and Brenda Mayo, Brazil/Jim and Esther Entner, Philippines/Abdullah Khoury, Arab Nations/Albert and Naomi Spieth, Beth Odor
 - Youth outing to Dallas Holm Concert
 - Jr. Astronauts Fall Party
 - Rev. John Milam
 - Koinonia Class outing Biblical Masquerade Party

GREENVILLE

- Faith** **Joseph Godwin, Jr., pastor**
 Sept. - Old Fashioned Sunday/Annual Sunday School picnic/Pig Roast
 - Auditorium Dedication Service with Christine Wyrzten
 - Virgil Bunjer, missionary
 Oct. - AWANA Fall Party
 Nov. - Missionary Conference
 - Thanksgiving Dinner and Service

HEMOWORTH

- Mount Pleasant** **R. Lee Grosh, pastor**
 Oct. - Gary and Corene Spence and family, missionaries to Spain

JAMESTOWN

- Shawnee Hills** **Dennis Henderson, pastor**
 Oct. - Special Mortgage reduction offering
 - "HER TIME" Retreat
 - Teen "Halloween Hayride"
 - All-Church Singspiration
 Nov. - 15th Anniversary Celebration/Banquet/Dr. Paul Dixon
 - Teens Roundball Excursion
 - International Sunday: Missions Emphasis/Carry-in dinner
 Dec. - Adult Christmas Progressive Dinner

JOHNSTOWN

- Independent** **Drew Baker, pastor**
 Sept. - Celebrated 23rd Anniversary/Carry-in dinner
 Oct. - Missions weekend with Mark and Debbie Seymour, missionaries to Chad/Banquet
 - Mike Magnuson, AWANA
 - Super Sixties 3rd Anniversary Banquet
 - Film: "A Man Called Norman"

KIRTLAND

- Kirtland** **Ross DeFelice, pastor**
 Oct. - Potluck Dinner/Afternoon Service
 - Dave Spice
 - Church Cleaning Day
 - Baby Dedication

LAGRANGE

- LaGrange** **Paul Mayo, interim pastor**
 Oct. - Privileged Prophetic Conference with Dr. James Jeremiah, Cedarville College
 - David Gardner
 Nov. - Sandy Green, Missionary Christmas

LAKEVIEW

- Faith** **Donald Eaton, pastor**
 Oct. - Marlin Bowes, former pastor
 - Helen Wing, missionary to Brazil
 - Seniors Back 40 Junction trip to Indiana

LANCASTER

- Calvary** **Fred Hand, pastor**
 Sept. - Mike Coyle, evangelist/musician
 - Church Fellowship/Wiener Roast

LEMOYNE

- Lemoine** **Ronald Shinkle, pastor**
 Sept. - All Church Work Day
 Oct. - Father/Son Skeet Shoot
 - Youth Hayride
 - Doug Reiner, missionary appointee to Brazil
 Dec. - Christmas Fellowship

LONDON

- Grace** **Dwain Hill, pastor**
 Oct. - Dallas Putnam, CBM
 - Friend Sunday
 - Wiener Roast

LORAIN

- Fellowship** **Frank Chittock, pastor**
 Oct. - Home Builders, College-Career, Christianaires Hobo Stew Party
 - Senior Saints fall trip to Amish Country
 - Ladies/Meeting with Norma Marot
 - Men's Fellowship Breakfast with Ken Starett

LOUISVILLE

- First** **Kenneth Pugh, pastor**
 Oct. - Harvest Home Meal
 - Ken Moon and family, WOL
 Nov. - Guy and Julie Hufstetler in musical concert
 - Duane and Millie Gow, missionaries with TWR

MASSILLON

- Calvary** **Charles Johnson, pastor**
 Oct. - Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Freyermuth, BMNA
 - Rev. Earl Ressler

MOGADORE

- Mogadore** **Robert Seymour, pastor**
 Oct. - Ladies Ministries with Barbara Anderson/Quilting
 Nov. - CPA and First Aid Classes

MOUNT VERNON

- Faith** **Merlyn Jones, pastor**
 Oct. - Youth Support Group outing to the haunted forest
 - Seminar, "Finances In Changing Times"
 - Galen Smith
 - Singspiration/New Member Fellowship
 - Adult Class "Pumpkin Hunt"
 - Bill Baker
 - Life's Beginning trip to Amish Country
 - Swordbearer's "sponge painting"

NEW CARLISLE

- Colonial** **Kevin Boggs, pastor**
 Sept. - Kick-off Pioneer Clubs
 - Joe Mita, missionary to Japan
 - Special meetings with John Muncy
 Oct. - Film, "Moody"
 - Pig Roast
 - Hal Mason, missionary to Mormons

NEW MATAMORAS

- Harmony Hill** **Drew Walther, pastor**
 Oct. - AWANA Sponge the Commander Night
 - Fall Singspiration
 - Sr. Hi Get-together
 - Ladies Luncheon
 - Adult Hayride
 Nov. - Harvest Weekend with Joe Halsey

NEWARK

- Bible** **Karl Stelzer, pastor**
 Oct. - Young Adult Fall Party
 - Outreach Month with Open Air Evangelism/Church Neighborhood Visitation/Friend Sunday
 - WOL Harvest Hayride

NILES

- First** **G. Ben Reed, pastor**
 Oct. - Carry-in Dinner
 - Teen Hayride
 - Senior Ladies Luncheon
 Nov. - Swordbearers, Cedarville College

NORTH JACKSON

- Bailey Road** **Les Webster, pastor**
 Oct. - AWANA Girls and Boys outings/Sparks outing
 - John Jackson
 - Sr Hi trip to Cedarville College
 - Teen Hayride
 - Ones and Twos Progressive Dinner
 Nov. - Cedarville College Swordbearers
 - Parents' Appreciation Night
 - Annual Harvest Supper
 - Thanksgiving Eve Service
 - Dr. and Mrs. Christy, missionaries to France
 - Singles Retreat

NORTH MADISON

- Bible**
 Oct. - Speakers: Rev. Mike Edwards/Rev. Carl LoTurco/Mike Frazier
 - Farewell Fellowship for Warren and Mary Jane Crow, BMNA
 Nov. - Missionary and Faith Promise conference with Dr. Harry Ambacher/Rev. Simon Leon
 - Thanksgiving Eve Service
 - Berean Class Progressive Dinner
 - College/Career Retreat

NORTH ROYALTON

- North Royalton** **Mark Cowell, pastor**
 Oct. - Missions Emphasis Month, "Reaching Our Jerusalem" with Dave & Jeanette Ferguson, CBF/Wally Stuchul, CEF/Ross & Shirley DeFelice, CBM/Carl Smith, Direc-

- tor Strong Glen Camp/Tom Claus, -CHIEF
 - Forrest and Nancy Sidle, BMM
 - Adult Bible Class Harvest Party/dinner, hayride, bonfire

NORTHFIELD

- Northfield** **Lynn Rogers, pastor**
 Oct. - Evangelistic meetings with Cal and Debbie Searles
 Nov. - Missionary Conference with Rev. and Mrs. Harry Ambacher/Rev. and Mrs. Steve Anderson/Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cole/Rev. and Mrs. Bruce McDonald

NORWOOD

- Norwood** **Lee Fullmer, pastor**
 Oct. - Missionary Conference with James Ruck, BMM/Ralph Gade, International Fellowship Dinner

OBERLIN

- Camden** **Calvin Searles, pastor**
 Oct. - Puppet Seminar with the Augsburgs
 - Rev. Ivan Augsburg
 - Married Couples hayride
 - Kurt Wesselink, missionary
 - Pastor Cal and Deb held special meetings at Northfield
 Nov. - Ladies Lock-in, "What Happens When Women Pray"
 - Missions, "Sent Into The World" Rev. Durham, Far East/Duane Cross, Colombia/Gary Hilliker, Spanish publications/Dave Mayo, Brazil

ORANGE VILLAGE

- Bethlehem** **John Fleck, pastor**
 Sept. - Ordination service for Jeff Berg with Dr. Gerald Smelser, Rev. William Aiken, Pastor Edward Hlad, Pastor John Fleck
 Oct. - Dr. Gerald Smelser/Larry Fetzer
 - Ladies at Red Lobster/Speakers: Steve and Carrie Kasiguran
 - John and Penny Jackson

PATASKALA

- Bethel** **Larry Maddux, pastor**
 Oct. - Fred and Terri Hihiser
 Nov. - Gene and Mildred Bryant, BMM to Jewish people

PERRYSVILLE

- Vermillion** **David Conrad, pastor**
 Oct. - Bowling outing
 - Women's Missionary Fellowship "Recipe Swap" Night
 - Adult Sunday School class Fellowship/Bonfire

PORTSMOUTH

- Temple** **John Gowdy, pastor**
 Oct. - Koinonia Golf League Banquet
 - New Members Dinner at Scioto Hills Camp
 - Teach Training Conference
 Nov. - Youth Electives "Folloween Night"
 Jr/Sr Hi Activities: "Rake and Ride"/"Bowlathon"
 - Lyle Anderson Family concert

REYNOLDSBURG

- Eastbrook** **Walter Lucas, pastor**
 Sept. - Richard Pettitt, One-day Bible Conference
 Oct. - Senior Saints Fellowship, "Home On The Range"/Wiener Roast
 - Song Fest and Food Fellowship
 Nov. - Missionary Emphasis with Jack Stone, missionary/Ann Wahlgren, missionary
 - Men's Fellowship with Willis Dean

RITTMAN

- First** **Ronald Cole, pastor**
 Oct. - Joe and Noney Mita, missionaries to Japan
 - Golden Agers trip to Skyview/Hayride
 - Fall Festival Party/Wiener Roast/Hayride
 Nov. - Homecoming Day with Ken Gentzler/Dinner/Afternoon Service

SALEM

- Calvary** **Fred Robb, pastor**
 Oct. - Bible Conference with Richard Pettitt

SANDUSKY

- Calvary** **Thomas Townsend, pastor**
 Oct. - Missions Conference with David and Dawn Spink, appointees to Brazil/Tim and Tammy Loftis, Australia/Carol Hoover, CEF/Chuck and Joanne Nicholes, BMM/Ann Wahlgren, ABWE Japan
 - Women's Luncheon

SHARON, PENNSYLVANIA

- Sharon** **John Frey, pastor**
 Oct. - The Stevensons, missionary appointees to Italy
 - Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Hensbee, CBM
 - Dick Hawley
 Nov. - Ladies Prayer Breakfast

SMITHVILLE

Pleasant Hill **Stephen Olsen, pastor**
 Oct. - Fall Bible Conference with Richard Pettitt
 - Singles Hayride
 - All-Church Workday and Hot Dog Roast

SPRINGFIELD

Southgate **John Greening, pastor**
 Oct. - Sr Hi "Lip Sinc"
 - Began Ladies Bible Study/Coffee, Cake, Fellowship
 - "Tomorrow Today" - Teacher training seminar
 - AWANA "Double Dare" Night
 Nov. - Missions Conference with Dr. Bill Aiken, Cleveland Hebrew Mission/Larry Smith, ABWE, Mexico City

STREETSBORO

Falth **J. Tony Beckett, pastor**
 Oct. - Marshmallow and Cider Social
 - Annual Couples Retreat at Atwood Lodge
 - Rev. Gerald Webber, BMM Field Administrator
 - Teacher Training Night

STRONGSVILLE

First **Wilbur Parrish, pastor**
 Oct. - Half Century and Over Club toured Amish Country
 - Tour of GM Assembly Plant in Lordstown
 - Began Singles On Sunday Class (SOS)
 - Picnic
 - Youth Harvest Party
 Nov. - Youth trip to Cedarville College
 - Youth All-nighter

STRUTHERS

Struthers Tabernacle **Ronald Sanderson, pastor**
 Oct. - "Round-up" Sunday
 - Jollies Fifties Fellowship
 - Carry-in Dinner to honor first anniversary as pastor for Pastor and Mrs. Sanderson
 Nov. - Film, "Prodigal Planet"

STRYKER

First **Daniel Douglass, pastor**
 Oct. - Harry and Lyn Ambacher, missionaries to Hong Kong

SUNBURY

Falth **Dalvin Cramer, pastor**
 Sept. - Women's Missionary Fellowship picnic
 - Young People's Putt Putt outing
 Oct. - Church Fall Outing
 - Women's Missionary Fellowship with Mildred Bryant

TALLMADGE

First **David Henry, pastor**
 Oct. - Bob Jones, missionary to Brazil

- Musical Program, "An Evening With Jennifer's Kids!"
 - Lunch Bunch to Sugarcreek
 - 707 Club Ice Skating
 - AWANA Pumpkin Patch Party
 - Music Night with Joe Chapman
 Nov. - Just for Youth Activity, Talent Night
 - Albert Johnson, missionary to Brazil
 - Mike McCartney, missionary to S. Africa
 - Jr. Church Party

TIFFIN

Calvary **Harold Guthrie, pastor**
 Sept. - Dr. Ken Cole, Philippines
 Oct. - Sunday School Teachers Conference
 - Dr. Raymond Buck, BMM
 - Men's Retreat
 - Teen Hayride
 - Ken Moon, WOL

TOLEDO

Emmanuel **Edward Fuller, pastor**
 Oct. - Dr. John Whitcomb, Fall Bible Conference, "Bible and Science"
 - Senior High Fall Advance
 - Couples Retreat, "Couples Under Construction"
 - Ken Rudolph, BBC/Doug and Renate Reiner, appointees to Brazil
 Nov. - Jr. High Fall Adventure
 Dec. - Christmas Musicale, "Come Celebrate Jesus"

Grace

Robert Perry, pastor
 Sept. - Albert and Naomi Spieth
 - Sunday School picnic
 Oct. - Adult Fellowship Potluck
 - Jr/Sr Hi Fall Outing
 Nov. - Annual Harvest Dinner
 - Don and Betty Teachout

VALLEY CITY

First **Jack Wiltheiss, pastor**
 Sept. - Rev. Richard Steele
 Oct. - Fall Revival with the Collins family
 - Teachers' Training Class
 - Baby Day

WARREN

Bethel **William Plough, pastor**
 Sept. - Hosted Bethany Fellowship Singing
 - Ladies Missionary Prayer Fellowship/Salads
 - Hayride
 - Tom Orban/Gary Marshburger
 Dec. - Adult Christmas Banquet

Leavittsburg

Virgil Wolford, pastor

Oct. - Fall Harvest Party/Young Adult Costume Party
 Nov. - Children's Thanksgiving Program
 - Youth Thanksgiving Eve Service
 Dec. - "Golden Agers" Festival of Lights Trip
 - Adult and Young Adult Christmas Banquet

WESTERVILLE

Grace **Murray Murdoch, pastor**
 Sept. - Deacons, Pastors, and Wives Dinner
 - Women's Ministries Kick-off Banquet with Sandi Harner
 Oct. - All-Church work day
 - Couples Retreat
 - Men's Golf Outing

WESTLAKE

Grace **Jack Jacobs, pastor**
 Oct. - Wayne Lopez, BMM
 - Organ Dedication Recital with David Uibel
 - Ambassador Western Party
 - Fall Festival for Children
 - Choir Dinner
 Nov. - Missionary Conference with Dr. Mark Jackson, Terry Elliott, Duane Cross/International Dinner
 - Family Potluck/Film, "Loving God" with Charles Colson
 Dec. - College/Career Christmas Dinner

WHEELERSBURG

Wheelerburg **Bradley Brandt, pastor**
 Oct. - AWANA trip to Bob Evans farm
 - Combined Board Leadership Retreat
 - AWANA Hayride and Wiener Roast

WILLOUGHBY HILLS

Nottingham **Donald McClintick, pastor**
 Oct. - Hosted O.A.R.B.C. Conference
 - Pastor and Mrs. McClintick held special meetings in Nova Scotia
 - Dr. John Garris, BMM Canadian Representative
 - Sparks Hayride
 - Sacred Concert by Tim Zimmerman, Diane Sussex, Michael Faircloth
 - Senior Saints trip to Amish Country/Train ride
 Dec. - Teen Christmas Banquet

WILLOWICK

First **Donald Leltch, pastor**
 Oct. - Fall meetings with Larry Engle
 - Jolly Julee's Bus trip
 - AWANA picnic in the park
 Nov. - Harvest Dinner
 - Sunday School Appreciation Dinner
 - Dr. Jim Hepworth, missionary

BAPTISTS FOR LIFE ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

As the battle lines over abortion are drawn across our nation, Baptists for Life, Inc. encourages churches to prepare to "TAKE THE OFFENSIVE," the theme selected for Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, January 21, 1990. Recent victories on behalf of the unborn, such as the Supreme Court's Webster decision, are but small skirmishes in comparison to the battles yet to be fought on both the state and national levels. In order to prepare for effective engagement of our enemy, Baptists For Life is ready to provide assistance with ideas, materials, and bulletin inserts which will help to make Sanctity of Human Life Sunday '90 an important part of your local church efforts. Order forms will be mailed soon to the churches. Please plan now to participate in this special day.

For additional information, call us at (616)459-9809 or write to: Baptists For Life, P.O. Box 3158, Grand Rapids, MI 49501.

OPERATION RESCUE

The struggle to restore protection for unborn children has generated a number of organizations and strategies. Most organizations and their strategies have been designed to work within the legal framework of the political and educational processes in the U.S., attempting to pass laws that will treat unborn children with love, respect and justice. Many organizations seek to educate the public about the realities and dangers of abortion, while a few work actively with women who experience unintended pregnancies. Crisis pregnancy centers have been at the core of Baptists For Life's philosophy of ministry. We believe that providing biblical counsel and practical assistance is a necessary part of the pro-life movement.

Operation Rescue (OR) is an organization based in Binghamton, NY. Led by Randall Terry, OR is committed to non-violent "rescues" of babies slated for abortion in abortion clinics. By blocking the entrance to the clinic with their bodies, thousands of participants have been arrested for trespassing. However, OR justifies their violation of trespass laws by claiming to uphold higher laws. The last issue of LIFELINES carried two articles which set out the major arguments for the OR position.

BFL commends these OR participants for their courage and selflessness in the struggle to protect unborn children from death and their mother's from exploitation at the hands of greedy abortionists. The right of citizens to resist unjust laws like legalized abortion carries with it, however, the possibility of breaking just laws. The conscientious Christian is wise to think through the implications and possible consequences of breaking such laws in the process of upholding higher laws. There is no question that the Bible teaches there are times when we must choose to obey God rather than men. The debate over OR centers on whether it is justifiable to disobey the state over the issue of abortion. Should Christians engage in civil disobedience AT THIS TIME AND ON THIS ISSUE?

BFL is engaged in research, discussion, and prayer over the issues raised by OR. We neither endorse nor condemn those who participate in OR activities, but commend each person to act in accordance with their own conscience. BFL invites advice and counsel from its members as

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANNUAL REPORT MAY 1989 — OCTOBER 1989

The key word to describe my first five months as the State Representative of the OARBC could be **TRANSITION**. After nearly 21 years in a busy pastorate at Washington Heights in Dayton, I have made a radical change of direction to take on a whole new set of responsibilities as your State Rep. I am discovering that this kind of change takes time. I am learning every day new aspects of this ministry. Day by day I am sensing that this is indeed where God wants us to serve Him. Pat and I are grateful to Him for His leading. We have dedicated ourselves to this ministry to be His servant and yours in strengthening the arm of our Association.

I. Appreciation for my Predecessors. Dr. Bill Brock laid a solid foundation for the position of State Rep. in Ohio. Before him, Earl Umbaugh and interim rep. Don Moffatt did much to gain a high level of respect for the office. It is a distinct honor to follow in the footsteps of such men. Pat and I consider it a privilege to serve in this position. Mrs. Merle Brock has been an invaluable resource and help to us in our early days. We have asked her a thousand questions. She has most graciously answered them all. She truly loves our association and has served it well. I especially appreciate her continuing to edit the OIB while I get my feet on the ground in the job.

II. The Council of 12 has been most supportive as we begin our work. They have given us sound advice, and been willing to listen to our ideas and think them through with us. They are a wonderful group of men to work with. Thank you, men.

III. Understanding the position. I have spent much time thinking and praying about the shape this position should take. My desire is to have an effective ministry in serving our churches. I have prayed much and searched the Word for insight as to how I could best lead our association. Out of this study has come a **VISION STATEMENT** for the work of the OARBC and the position of State Representative. The Council of 12 has asked me to present the Vision Statement at the Tuesday Morning hour of the Annual Meeting.

The particular focus of my ministry will be as a pastor to pastors. My primary involvement will be with pastors, deacons, and other leaders in our churches.

Working with the Council of 12, we have formulated a detailed job description, expanding upon the one contained in the Constitution of the OARBC as Article VII. Copies of this Job Description are available at the Association booth or by mail from my office.

I have definite **GOALS** for my ministry, which I have presented to the Council of 12, and have asked them to hold me accountable. These are reviewed regularly.

IV. Ministry in the Churches. During these initial months God has opened many doors of service. I have already had the opportunity to speak in 20 churches. I have met with 5 of our regional pastor's fellowships and one ordination council. There have been two meetings with the Council of 12. I have prepared a training program for churches in setting up a pulpit committee which I have presented in whole or in part 6 times. In addition, I have consulted 3 times with Deacon's Boards. There have been numerous contacts with our pastors, by letter, phone and in person. So far I have had some kind of direct contact with 87 of our 207 churches. To date, I have traveled 7847 miles in the ministry.

V. The Future Ministry. There is much that can (and should) be done to increase the outreach and effectiveness of the OARBC in the state of Ohio. It is my desire to design new means of training for busy pastors to help increase their skills in many areas of pastoral ministry, sometimes through statewide programs, some in regional sections, and some with a single church or pastor. It is my heart to be available to our churches as a counselor, a consultant or advisor, and as an encourager to help you with your ministries.

The Lord has recently laid a passage of scripture on my heart that is relevant for my ministry and for all of us in our OARBC. It is Colossians 1:10, *That you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, To please Him all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.*

Brethren, let us give much attention to this Biblical pattern and continue to work with all our energy at the task of building a great testimony for God in the state of Ohio.

A FINAL WORD: It is my desire to be of service to any and all who may have need of it. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help you in any way. My address is: Larry Fetzer, 4221 Wallington Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45440. Phone: 513-299-3128.

ARSON FIRE AT BCH OHIO OFFICE



On Friday night, September 15, the Ohio offices of the Children's Home were severely damaged. The fire went through the roof and firemen had to tear out sections of walls to get the fire completely out.

Thankfully, all the important records were saved, but the office area is a mess. Our Ohio staff will be under a great burden for some time.

The building is owned by Southgate Baptist in Springfield and leased to BCH for a dollar a year. Replacing this office space, even temporarily, may be very costly.

Please join us in prayer for God's help for our staff and for a good place to serve those God sends our way.

FALL FAMILY CONFERENCE AT BETHESDA, COLUMBUS

A Fall Family Conference with Dr. Donald Worch, Director of Baptist Children's Home, was held at Bethesda Baptist Church, Columbus, October 15 through 18.

Each meeting dealt with significant aspects of the husband-wife relationship or the parent-child relationship. Dr. Worch has had much valuable training and experience dealing with family problems and gives answers for difficult questions from the Word of God.

Subjects covered were: "God's Pattern For The Home," "Missed Blessings," and "Negative Parents."

Pastor at Bethesda Baptist is Paul Vaughan, BMNA missionary.

"FRIEND DAY" AT ALBANY

October 22, "Friend Day," at Albany Baptist proved to be an exciting day. Partitions were removed prior to the special day in anticipation of a larger than normal crowd. Members worked hard inviting their friends in an effort to reach out to those in the community who are not church attenders. The Lord blessed their efforts with an attendance of 183, almost doubling the average attendance. Pastor Jim Evans and Albany's congregation are praying for eternal results from "Friend Day" trusting that October 22 was only the beginning of greater blessings and growth.



"TOTALLY" TEENS

News and Views for Teens
and Those Who Love Them

TEENAGE EMPLOYMENT: Blessing or Burden by Doug Lindow

The "Wild Goose Bargain Center" provided 10 hours of employment each week at the remarkable hourly rate of \$1.50. This, my first employment experience during my freshman year of high school, was not only a great opportunity to learn and develop new skills, but it also caused me to forfeit involvement in extracurricular activities that I now regret. The second job that I held also offered a nice list of positives but included negatives that far outweigh the positives when I consider the matter today. The thing that I forfeited with this job, however, was Wednesday evening church attendance (this is a greater concern than extracurricular school involvement).

I believe that teens today face the same questions. How important is it that I work? What does work accomplish for me? Does the money I make justify the fact that I am ignoring God's command in Hebrews 10:25 that believers should not forsake the assembling of themselves together? Is there any possible way for me to work (to earn that needed money for college, or whatever) and not be forced to work during church services. (After all, don't all jobs involve evenings & weekends?) Please allow me to share my "insight" into this matter. I have arrived at these opinions after: a) experiencing employment as a teenager and making some choices I regret; b) watching teens struggle with the same questions through the six years I have been involved in youth ministry; and c) seeking to apply Scripture to all areas of life in a consistent manner.

Let us first agree that employment is not needed by every teen. I do believe that Proverbs gives us enough warnings about the sloth and the sluggard that we must teach diligence to the teens of today, but that can be learned in far more settings than just a job. Good stewardship and generosity should also be instilled in teens, but employment is not the only way.

For some teens who will be paying their own college bills, employment does seem necessary, but not at all costs. It is my conviction that a teen should not settle for any job that demands he/she compromise a single bit in the areas of honesty, purity, separation, integrity, and yes, church attendance. You see, it is the God who created man that has written in James 1:25 that man finds blessing (happiness) in determined obedience to His Word, the Bible. Faithful church participation (Heb. 10:25), honesty (Rom. 12:17), purity (Phil. 2:15), separation (Rom. 12:1,2), and integrity (Prov. 22:1) seem to be clear directives from Scripture that leave absolutely no room for compromise. So my challenge is this - trust God to provide for your college needs in His way, in His time, and according to His standards of excellence. A teenager can adopt a value system that he will live by the rest of his life. Let us encourage him to adopt the Lord's. Undue emphasis on the importance of the dollar could hurt him for life.

I believe that it is possible for teens today to find jobs that do not have to conflict with their lifestyles as Christians. Let me list my thoughts.

1. So many places are crying for help that the employee must be accommodated some or he can just find someone more accommodating.
2. Employment applications include a list of hours available for work. If you clearly note that you are not available during times of church services, the manager can never insist you work because you were hired with the understanding that you were not available at those times.
3. Few teens today know how to work "heartily as unto the Lord." If our teens adopt this as their work ethic, employers will "bend over backwards" to keep that work force happy and on their team.
4. Creative dollar production such as lawn care, house cleaning, and snow shovelling will allow us to set our own hours (as well as earning more probably).

Yes, I believe that teen employment can be a blessing. The burdens will not vanish though, until our teens decide to only "approve things that are excellent" (Phil. 1:10).

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Dr. David Jeremiah
Pastor of Scott
Memorial Baptist Church,
El Cajon, California

Monday Evening:

"HEART TROUBLE"

Revelation 2:1-7

I. Introduction

- A. Record of broken relationship
 - 1. Bride out of love with bridegroom
- B. Chapter 2 from bridegroom to bride to rekindle love
- C. Exact churches
 - 1. Paul wrote 7 letters/John wrote 7
 - 2. All letters about problems
- D. To be understood
 - 1. Primary Association
 - 2. Prophetic Anticipation
 - 3. Personal Application
- E. Representative of churches today
 - 1. Different types of people in our churches

II. Ephesus

- A. Dynamics
 - 1. White-hot seat of evangelism when Paul there
 - 2. 30 years later: though infiltrated with paganism
 - a. Dynamic
 - b. Dedicated (works and labor - vs.2)
 - c. Determined (patience)
 - 1) Steadfast in endurance
 - d. Disciplined (canst not bear them that are evil - vs 2)
 - 1) Church discipline practiced
 - e. Discerning (hatest deeds of Nicolaitanes - vs 2-6)
- B. Major problem - Heart Trouble
 - 1. Left first love
 - a. Dissipated into feeble admiration of the Lord
 - 2. Severe discipline "promised"
 - a. Remove candlestick - vs 5
 - 3. When lost first love, something dies in our churches
- C. Solution
 - 1. Remember (from whence thou art fallen - vs 5)
 - 2. Repent - Turn around and go other way - vs 5
 - 3. Repeat - Action comes before emotion
 - a. Go back and do the first thing
 - b. Force feeding of the Word of God
 - c. Be obedient and emotions will follow
- D. God cares more about our hearts than anything else.

Tuesday Morning:

"HOW DO WE LEARN TO FORGIVE?"

Matthew 6:9-15

I. Introduction

- A. Church full of broken relationships
- B. Matthew - great instruction in forgiveness

II. Verse 2,14,15 - Repeated concerning forgiveness

- A. Unwillingness to take care of broken relationships makes it impossible for God to forgive us
 - 1. Matthew 5:44,45
 - 2. As we learn to deal with those who wrong us, we are giving away to the world our Christlikeness
 - 3. Christ: "Forgive them for they know not what they do."
- B. Forgiveness:
 - 1. Depicts our relationship with God
 - 2. Demonstrates our Christlikeness
 - 3. Defeats Satan's Strategy
 - 4. Describes highest virtue of man
 - 5. Delivers us ourselves to be forgiven
 - a. Unresolved conflicts short circuit the power of the Gospel

III. Matthew 18:21 - If we do not forgive, does it break our relationship with God?

- A. Would take 6,000 days work for 1 talent - owed 10,000 talents

- B. Absolutely beyond ability to pay debt
 - 1. Fool to get into mess
 - 2. Fool to think he could pay it off
- C. Players
 - 1. King: God/Servant: man/Debt: sin
- D. Demanded payment for debt to him, the servant
- E. Basis: We have been forgiven so much, how can we refuse to forgive so little?
- F. Teaches:
 - 1. Forgive because I have been forgiven
 - 2. Forgive as I have been forgiven
 - 3. Forgive in order to be forgiven
 - 4. Forgive before you need to forgive
- D. Solution to Relations wholeness with God in Heaven when we mend broken relationships with men.
 - 1. If we understand the greatness of our forgiveness, we will never find an offense that we cannot forgive

Tuesday Evening:

"HOW TO DO GOD'S WORK IN GOD'S WAY"

II Samuel 6

I. Introduction: David bringing back the Ark

- A. David - "man after God's own heart."
- B. David's first desire as king - to bring back the Ark
 - 1. Place of God communing with His people
 - a. Treated as Holy - Presence of God
 - b. Treated as lucky charm
 - c. Fell into hands of Phillistines
 - 1) Seven months
 - a) Dagon idol fallen/head and hands broken
 - b) All inhabitants of Ashod stricken with tumors
 - c) Sent to Gath - slaughter
 - d) Ekron - destruction
 - e) Sent Ark back to Israel to get rid of it
 - f) Shameth - 50,000 killed

II. How To Do God's Work In God's Way

- A. Major project
 - 1. 30,000 men
- B. Majestic project
 - 1. Called out royal orchestra/band/parade
- C. Two problems
 - 1. Right thing in wrong way
 - 2. Right questions to wrong people
- C. II Samuel 5:19,23 (asked the Lord)
 - 1. Asked God what to do
 - 2. But I Chronicles 3:18, consulted leaders concerning Ark
- D. II Samuel 6 - Uzza smote
 - 1. Innocent person died by disobedience of David
 - a. Methods are important
 - 2. David's emotion changed from joy to fear
 - 3. Ark taken to house of Obededom
 - a. Remained three months
 - 4. Pragmatic manner does not always get job done quicker

III. David brought the Ark - Did the right thing the right way

- A. II Chronicles 15:14,15
 - 1. Joy is back
 - 2. Had worship/sacrifice
 - a. Danced (exalted)
 - 1) Michal saw and despised David
 - 2) "Rained on his parade" vs 20
 - 3) Michal had no child

IV. Application

- A. Importance of performance of our job
 - 1. Means is as important as the end
 - 2. Expedient measures delay
 - 3. God passes blessing to someone else because of disobedience
- B. Importance of Possession of our joy - Trust and obey
- C. Importance of Preeminence of our Jesus

Wednesday Morning:

"THEOLOGY OF PROBLEMS"

I. Introduction - Genesis 40

- A. When called to a church, seem to be two different churches
 - 1. One that called
 - 2. The one that was there when pastor got to the field
- B. Joseph - Slandered, imprisoned in spite of faithfulness
 - 1. Place of royal prisoners
 - 2. Round-like prison - pit
 - 3. Fetters, chains

II. Verse 4 - Baker and Butler

- A. Potiphar assigned Joseph to watch over the two
- B. Dreams
 - 1. Joseph interpreted dreams of both
 - 2. Came to pass on Pharaoh's birthday
- C. Story Incidental
 - 1. Butler made a promise to Joseph but forgot to remember him to Pharaoh
 - a. Not due to bad memory - 40:23; 41:1
 - 2. Joseph unjustly held for two years
 - a. Painful but valuable

III. Values and Advantage

- A. Problems provide greater opportunities
 - 1. In prison, Joseph:
 - a. Met the Butler
 - b. Knew mercy of God
 - c. Link between present circumstances to future
- B. Problems promote spiritual maturity
 - 1. Makes us better if we refuse to be bitter
 - a. Checked on brothers (being obedient to father)
 - b. Sold into slavery
 - c. Refused temptation and imprisoned
 - d. Forgotten by Butler - and everyone
 - 2. No record of any complaint
 - a. Humanly, every right to be bitter
 - 3. God put him thru a toughening up program
 - a. Had been pampered and sheltered
 - b. Coat of many colors - sign of heir
 - 1) Caused hatred by his brothers
 - c. To put "iron" in his soul, put into prison - toughened him up (Ps. 105:17-22)
 - 1) God gives us problems to make us iron-souled
- C. Problems prove our integrity
 - 1. Circumstances reveal what we already are
 - 2. Character is what you are wherever you are
 - a. Always the same no matter what happens
 - b. Reputation what people think you are/Character what God knows you are
 - 3. The storm reveals the reality of our foundation
- D. Problems produce a sense of dependency - Genesis 39:20,21
 - 1. The Lord present with us the same in every circumstance - no more, no less
 - a. We are just more aware of His presence in difficulty
 - 2. We are totally dependent on the Lord
- E. Problems prepare our hearts for ministry
 - 1. Verse 6 - Joseph took initiative sensitivity toward others
 - 2. In our sufferings, we learn to serve
 - a. Prayer
 - b. Love the Word and church
- E. God sends problems into our lives to make us better people

(Note: Message given by State Representative Larry Fetzer is given in his column on page two.)

Gerald Webber
Baptist Mid-Missions
Field Administrator

Wednesday Morning:

"I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"

Matthew 28:16-20

I. Introduction

- A. When Christ said "I will build my church" He had an exact plan for accomplishing that.
- B. Matthew 28 is the plan for building that church
 - 1. Given to the eleven specifically
 - a. For what they were going to be: Ephesians 1:22 and 2:10 - fellow citizens
 - b. Apostle prophets are very foundation of new entity - the church
 - c. Christ's mandate on behalf of you and me but given to the eleven.
- C. Building of church not voluntary - we are drafted to do so.

II. Premise

- A. "Therefore" predicated on:
 - a. "All power..." - all authority
- 2. Authority extends "in heaven and on earth"
 - a. I am His, then, to command
 - b. All that we have is His to use
 - c. All He has is mine as He chooses to dispense it
 - d. All of heaven's authority is behind me when I invade Satan's domain
 - 1) Wicked one has not yet been stripped of his power
- 3. Expectation
 - a. We are called to do more than "hold the fort"
 - b. We must be delivered from maintenance mentality
 - 1) Must make inroads in neighborhoods
 - c. Our task is not done pertaining to churches in Ohio - workable goals
 - 1) Church planting and developing
 - 2) Christ presumes mobility of His church

III. Process - Program

- A. "Go and Disciple"
 - a. Evangelize
 - 2. Enlist
 - 3. Edify -

IV. Promise

- A. Extended to consummation of the ages
 - 1. By being "in and with" us
 - 2. We are His hands, feet, mouth
- B. Job to do:
 - 1. He will build in us, through us, with us
 - a. Situation is urgent but the saints are not

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40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED



Dr. & Mrs. Wiltheiss

Dr. and Mrs. Jack Wiltheiss, 6946 Center Road, Valley City, Ohio celebrated their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, November 5th. They were married November 9, 1949 at the Zion Lutheran Church, St. Paris, Ohio. They have four children: Mrs. Ellen Fitzenrider and Mrs. Susan Wilson of Valley City, Gaylord Wiltheiss of Stow, Ohio and Samuel Wiltheiss of Grand Baptist Bible College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. They also have nine grandchildren.

Dr. Wiltheiss has been the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Valley City for 22 years.

Following the morning service an Anniversary dinner was served to their church family and friends. Pastor Wiltheiss had two brothers, Donald Wiltheiss and his wife, Edna, from Dayton, Ohio and Ernest Wiltheiss and his wife, Veda, from Troy, Ohio present for the day. Mrs. Wiltheiss' brother, Russell Reed and his wife, Orpha, from St. Paris, Ohio were also present for the day.

A lovely friendship bouquet was made from silk flowers, brought by the guest.

STRUTHERS CELEBRATES PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY



Pastor & Mrs. Sanderson

The members of the Struthers Baptist Tabernacle, Struthers, Ohio, celebrated a one-year anniversary of their Pastor and wife, Ron and Linda Sanderson. The fellowship and refreshments were held in the church fellowship hall on Sunday evening, October 29, after the evening service.

Pastor Sanderson and his wife were honored with several special recognitions and gifts. Among the gifts were plaques made with Pastor Sanderson's life Scripture verse, Galatians 2:20 and Linda's life Scripture verse, Isaiah 26:3. Several "gag" gifts were given to Pastor and Linda, along with a special anniversary cake.

Special music was presented by Miss Pat Chugden and choruses were sung by the membership. Pastor then spoke to the membership briefly as to his appreciation of the "flock" and challenged their hearts for another year of service to the Lord.

The church has steadily been growing and now is averaging 90 - 100 each Sunday.

ORDINATION HELD AT BETHLEHEM, ORANGE VILLAGE

On Thursday, September 21, 1989, an ordination council convened at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 27250 Emery Road, Orange Village, Ohio to examine Jeffrey A. Berg as to the advisability of ordaining him to the Gospel Ministry of Jesus Christ.

Brother Berg gave testimony as to his salvation experience and his call into the ministry - in particular, Jewish evangelism. He then stated his faith well in the doctrinal examination. His wife, Arlene, then testified to her salvation experience, call into the ministry of Jewish evangelism, and complete support of Jeffrey. The ordination council voted unanimously to recommend that Bethlehem Baptist Church set Brother Berg aside for the Gospel Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. The ordination service was held at Bethlehem Baptist Church on September 24, 1989.

Jeffrey and Arlene Berg are missionaries with the Cleveland Hebrew Mission to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

ASSISTANT ORDAINED AT LEAVITTSBURG, WARREN



William Blanco II

An ordination council of 23 men met on August 18 at the Leavittsburg Baptist Church, Warren for the purpose of examining the Assistant Pastor, William E. Blanco II. They voted unanimous approval for the church to proceed with ordination. Chairman of the council was Pastor William Plough, Bethel Baptist, Warren and Clerk was Pastor Les Webster, Bailey Road Baptist, North Jackson.

The ordination service was held on Sunday, August 20 with Pastor Webster bringing the message. Pastor Roland Globig, Bible Baptist, North Madison brought the charge to the candidate and Pastor Virgil Wolford, senior pastor at Leavittsburg Baptist brought the charge to the church.

Pastor Blanco is a graduate of Cedarville College and has been at Leavittsburg Baptist since January 1, 1989.

OHIO ASSISTANT CALLED TO "STATE UP NORTH"

The morning message on October 22 at First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, was the final one preached by Jim Howard. He has served as Youth Pastor since July, 1986 and has resigned to accept the same position at First Baptist Church of Cass City, Michigan under Rev. John Wood, former Michigan GARBC representative. Jim will have charge of all youth ministries, college/career and music programs of the church.

While in Bowling Green, Jim has been registrar for Camp Patmos for three years along with serving on the State Youth Committee for two years. Helping in the Howards' decision to move is the fact that both families reside in Michigan. Their biggest regret in moving from Ohio is leaving the many dear friends they have, but they greatly anticipate the opportunity to sit under the ministry of and be disciplined by Rev. Wood.

A farewell dinner for Jim, Cathy, and sons, Brian and Christopher, followed the service where they were presented with a clock and other gifts from the congregation.

NEW CITY, NEW BUILDING FOR CORNERSTONE BAPTIST



E. Godwin, Pastor Wukmer, L. Godwin

Cornerstone Baptist Church was moved from Bellefontaine to DeGraff, Ohio in March of 1988. Later that year, they purchased sixteen acres north of DeGraff on State Route 235. Two modular school buildings were purchased from a sister church.

In the process of the move, the former pastor felt led of the Lord to resign. Cornerstone was without a pastor until April of 1989 when Steve Wukmer was called as pastor.

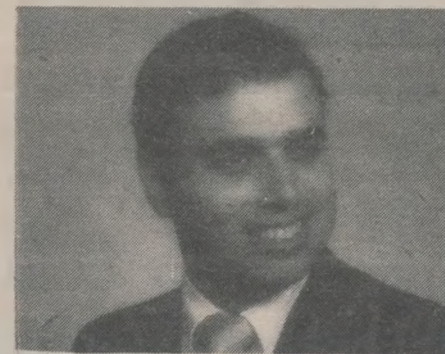
The church averages 25 to 30 people per Sunday. Their highest attendance was 109 people at the close of the VBS program. They averaged 80 per night in attendance for VBS, which was held the last part of July into the first week of August.

A Dedication Sunday for the new building was held with Rev. Ken Dady, missionary with Word of Life, and Pastor Fissel speaking.

A new modular parsonage has also been added.

Pastor Wukmer is a graduate of Midwestern Baptist College, Michigan. He pastored a church in Iowa and his last position was with Baptist Children's Home, where he and his wife, Robyn, were houseparents. They moved to Dayton in 1987 to seek the Lord's guidance and accepted the pastorate at Cornerstone in April of this year.

SOUTH CANAAN CALLS NEW ASSISTANT



Richard Sementelli

South Canaan Baptist Church, Athens has announced the calling and arrival of Richard Sementelli to the Associate Pastor position. He will be in charge of AWANA and other youth ministries.

Pastor Sementelli, a Bob Jones graduate, has worked in various churches in Ohio, the most recent being Albany Baptist, Albany, Ohio. He and his wife, Susan, have three children: Richard, Tina, and Diana.

Senior pastor of South Canaan is David Couto.

NEW FIELDS DIRECTOR APPOINTED BY B.M.N.A.

Baptist Mission of North America is pleased to announce that Rev. Ronald J. Phillips has been appointed as the new Fields Director. Rev. Phillips has been pastoring the Fellowship Baptist Church of Humble, Texas. In his new responsibility, Rev. Phillips replaces Rev. Chuck Cuthbertson who went home to be with the Lord in June.

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SURPRISE RECEPTION AT BAILEY ROAD, NORTH JACKSON



Les and Nancy Webster

On Sunday, August 13, at a surprise reception, Pastor Les and Nancy Webster were honored by the Bailey Road Baptist Church of North Jackson on their 30th wedding anniversary. They were presented with flowers, a lovely cake, refreshments, many cards and a money tree. Les has pastored at Bailey for over five years.

Les and Nancy have, under the Lord's direction, seen the work grow and prosper with souls saved, baptized, uniting in membership, and serving Christ. A 5,000-square-foot educational addition was built and all bills paid upon completion. A new Rodgers church organ has been purchased and is anticipated to be installed in time for Christmas.

The church recently had a "Friend Day" honoring all government, business, professional, educators, families, and personal friends. Pastor John Jackson (EBM) to South Africa brought a challenging message with over 300 in attendance. Approximately 80 were "friends" visiting for the day. Personal, spiritual decisions were made and contacts will have a ripple effect for many weeks.

The church motto this past year has been "Reflect Him." Messages have centered on the person of Christ in the evenings and a study of the Psalms each Sunday morning. Bailey Road people are excited and enthused to see the Lord working in their midst. And they are thankful for a pastor and his wife who have helped it to happen.

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